

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 BRUSSE 03860 191638Z
ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 EURE-00 CIAE-00 PM-04 INR-07 L-03
ACDA-07 NSAE-00 PA-01 SS-15 PRS-01 SP-02 USIA-06
TRSE-00 NSC-05 EB-08 COME-00 OMB-01 DODE-00 /073 W
-----191650Z 010061 /46

P R 191551Z APR 77
FM AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 9612
INFO AMEMBASSY ROME
USMISSION NATO
USCINCEUR
CINCLANT
USNMR SHAPE
USLOCLANT

C O N F I D E N T I A L BRUSSELS 03860

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MARR, NATO, BE
SUBJECT: NATO INFRASTRUCTURE AUGMENTATION

REF: STATE 84815

1. WE MADE PRESENTATION REQUESTED REFTEL TO FOREIGN MINISTRY
ACTING CHIEF OF NATO AFFAIRS LAGNEAUX ON APRIL 19.

2. LAGNEAUX, WHO WAS FULLY CONVERSANT WITH INFRASTRUCTURE ISSUE TOLD
US THAT FOREIGN MINISTRY WAS IN PRINCIPLE IN FAVOR OF HAVING BELGIAN
GOVERNMENT MAKE FIRM COMMITMENT, BUT THAT FUNDS WOULD HAVE TO COME
EITHER OUT OF PRESENT BELGIAN DEFENSE BUDGET OR FROM NEW FUNDS WHICH
WOULD REQUIRE APPROVAL OF FULL GOVERNMENT. LAGNEAUX SAID THAT FOREIGN
MINISTRY'S POSITION ON NATO INFRASTRUCTURE AUGMENTATION WAS THE SAME
AS IT WAS TOWARD AWACS OR HAWK. THE MINISTRY'S POSITION IN FAVOR OF
THESE NATO PROJECTS HAS REPEATEDLY BEEN COMMUNICATED TO THE
MINISTRY OF DEFENSE.

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 BRUSSE 03860 191638Z

3. THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE, HOWEVER, IS FACED WITH THE PROBLEM
OF HOW TO APPORTION THE FUNDS AVAILABLE TO AMONG THE VARIOUS
PROJECTS WHICH REQUIRE FUNDING. IT DOES NOT HAVE ENOUGH TO GO AROUND,
AND IN FACT, THE MOD HAS HAD TO POSTPONE SOME PROJECTS IT HAD
PREVIOUSLY PLANNED - NEW RADIOS FOR INFANTRY UNITS WAS CITED
AS AN EXAMPLE.

4. THE MOD HAS TOLD THE FOREIGN MINISTRY THAT IT NEEDS SOME INDICATION FROM NATO OF WHAT PRIORITY TO GIVE TO THE VARIOUS NATO-SPONSORED PROJECTS CURRENTLY UNDER DISCUSSION. THE MOD WOULD SPECIFICALLY LIKE TO KNOW THE RELATIVE PRIORITIES OF AWACS, HAWK AND THE NATO INFRASTRUCTURE AUGUMENTATION. WITH THAT INFORMATION IN HAND, LAGNEAUX IMPLIED, THE MOD WOULD BE IN A BETTER POSITION TO DECIDE WHETHER, HOW AND WHEN TO REQUEST ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM THE BELGIAN GOVERNMENT.

5. THIS INFORMATION ON BELGIAN INTENTIONS IS CONSISTENT WITH THE FIRST SENTENCE IN PARA 1 OF REFTEL.RENNER

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: MILITARY BUDGET, COMMITTEE MEETINGS, FOREIGN POLICY POSITION, FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 19-Apr-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 22 May 2009
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977BRUSSE03860
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770135-1240
Format: TEL
From: BRUSSELS
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19770444/aaaablwn.tel
Line Count: 73
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 1ff7b4a2-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 77 STATE 84815
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 24-Nov-2004 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 2768760
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: NATO INFRASTRUCTURE AUGMENTATION
TAGS: MARR, BE, NATO
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odhc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/1ff7b4a2-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009